



*San José Fire Department*

DARRYL VON RAESFELD, FIRE CHIEF

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Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to inform you that the City is proposing to build new Fire Station No. 37 and is conducting a community meeting **Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 6:30 PM** at the **Willows Senior Center** - Multipurpose Room - - 2175 Lincoln Ave, San Jose to discuss this Public Safety project. The proposed location is immediately adjacent to the main Willows Senior Center building. This project is part of the City of San José's Public Safety Bond Program, approved by voters in March 2002, which is adding, relocating and upgrading fire stations and police facilities; improving training facilities; and improving the Police and Fire 9-1-1 communications facilities.

The new fire station would be designed to essential facility standards, which will help to ensure the station's operation during power outages, an earthquake, or other natural or made disasters. Furthermore, the twenty-four hour staffing of the fire station would add a public safety presence to surrounding neighborhoods. The location of the new station would significantly improve emergency medical and fire suppression services to the surrounding community when seconds count.

To ensure the design of the new station reflects the character and architectural flavor of the surrounding area, community input and participation regarding external station features will be solicited through community meetings and outreach efforts. Notifications of planning and review community meetings will be sent through the mail informing you of the meeting place and time.

The construction of the fire station, as well as other improvements funded through the Public Safety Bond program, will improve fire and police services and foster a stronger partnership between the City and the community. We value your feedback and we would like to hear from you regarding this new station. Comments and questions may be addressed to Tom Bohn, Deputy Director at 408-277-2690.

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